

**City of Newport Beach  
General Plan/LCP Implementation Committee Minutes**

Date: January 15, 2014

Location: Newport Beach Civic Center – 100 Civic Center Drive  
Newport Coast Meeting Room (Bay E, Second Level, Room 2017)

Members Present: Edward Selich, Mayor Pro Tem (Chair); Tony Petros, Council Member; Nancy Gardner, Council Member; Fred Ameri, Planning Commissioner; Jay Myers, Planning Commissioner, and Michael Toerge, Member At-Large

Members Absent: Bradley Hillgren, Planning Commission Chair

Staff: Kimberly Brandt, Community Development Director; Brenda Wisneski, Deputy Community Development Director; Patrick Alford, Planning Manager; and Daniel Campagnolo, Administrative Systems Manager

Public: Jim Mosher, Dorothy Kraus, Philip Bettencourt, and Don Schmitz

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**1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 12:40 p.m.

**2) ROLL CALL**

Chair Selich invited everyone to introduce themselves.

**3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Jim Mosher pointed out a typographical error and commented on the use of action minutes and the City's records retention policy.

The minutes of the November 27, 2013, meeting were approved as amended by a vote of 5-0 with Selich, Gardner, Ameri, Myers, and Toerge voting in favor and Petros abstaining.

**4) CURRENT BUSINESS**

**A. Coastal Commission Update.**

Planning Manager Patrick Alford provided an update on the following subjects:

1. The rejection of the City's grant application by the California Coastal Commission (CCC) on January 8, 2014.
2. The meeting with CCC staff on December 18, 2013.

Chair Selich commented that the lack of attention to sea-level rise may have been the reason for the rejection of the grant application.

A discussion ensued on CCC priorities (permits v. LCPs) and on recent and pending CCC appointments.

**B. Coastal Canyons.**

Mr. Alford presented the draft text and maps of the Canyon Overlay District.

A discussion ensued on the need to involve the canyon property owners early in the process. The Committee discussed the similarities and differences with the Bluff Overlay areas; how nonconforming structures would be regulated; how the current categorical exclusion order works, and deferring certification of the canyon areas and Irvine Terrace.

Mr. Mosher reminded the Committee that the CCC staff receives notice of City approvals. He also commented on the terminology used in the draft Canyon Overlay.

**5) COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS OR MATTERS WHICH MEMBERS WOULD LIKE PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION, ACTION OR REPORT (NON-DISCUSSION ITEM)**

Chair Selich directed staff to place a discussion on deferring certification of the canyons and other areas on the January 29, 2014, agenda. The meeting will begin at 3:30 p.m.

**6) PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*Public comments are invited on agenda and non-agenda items generally considered to be within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Committee. Speakers must limit comments to three (3) minutes. Before speaking, we invite, but do not require, you to state your name for the record. The Committee has the discretion to extend or shorten the speakers' time limit on agenda or non-agenda items, provided the time limit adjustment is applied equally to all speakers.*

Mr. Mosher suggested that the City should provide notice of the filing of new applications. He also commented on the appropriateness of City review of its own coastal development permit applications.

Dorothy Kraus suggested giving the CCC staff information in advance of the meeting so that they would be prepared to respond.

**7) NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, January 29, 2014, at 3:30 p.m.

**8) ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:30 p.m.

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Edward Selich, Chair